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INFO COMUSJAPAN YOKOTA AB

USARJ CAMP ZAMA

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313TH AD/18 TFW CC

MARCORB CAMP BUTLER

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SUBJECT: ANOTHER OIL PIPELINE LEAK

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1. THE MILITARY OIL PIPELINE DEVELOPED ITS SECOND LEAK IN TWO WEEKS AT 0800 HOURS JAN 26, THIS TIME AT TSUBOGAWA IN DOWNTOWN NAHA CITY NEAR THE KOKUBA RIVER. THE METAL BODY OF A VALVE CRACKED AND SOME 50 GALLONS OF DIESEL OIL LEAKED INTO THE STREAM BEFORE THE LINE WAS SHUT OFF ON EITHER SIDE OF THE VALVE.

2. INITIAL TV COVERAGE CLAIMED THAT THE SPILLAGE TOTALED 2,100

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GALLONS AND ALLEGED THAT IT WAS THE FOURTH LEAK FROM THIS VALVE BOX,

WHICH IS IN A RESIDENTIAL AREA. PREFECTURAL LIAISON
DEPT DIRECTOR OSHIMA VISITED THE SCENE AND REPORTEDLY STATED THAT A
"RIGOROUS PROTEST" WOULD BE FILED WITH U/S. AUTHORITIES.

3. COMMENT: WHILE QUICKSCORRECTIVE ACTION HAS CONTAINED THE
SPILLAGE, THIS LEAK, OCCURRING SO SOON AFTER THE LEAK OF JAN 13
(REFTELS), IS LIKELY TO STIR UP RENEWED APPREHENSION ABOUT THE CON-
DITION OF THE PIPELINE. THE ISSUE OF PIPELINE LEAKS HAS BEEN OF
DIRECT CONCERN TO THE LOCAL POPULATION LIVING ALONG THE LINE, MOST
OF WHOM HAVE NO OTHER REASON FOR CONCERN ABOUT OUR MILITARY PRESENCE.
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